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Comment Of The Day

The Puppet On Moscow's Knee

THE demonstrators who gave the American diplomat, Mr. William Rountree, such a rough time in Baghdad yesterday make it clear that the authority of the Premier, Brigadier Kassem, counts for little since the pitiless murder of King Faisal and Nuri el Said, the mob has shown itself a menacing and disturbing feature of Iraqi politics. It is clear who runs it: Moscow. "The National Council of Peace Partisans" is a title that can fool no one. Both the ferocity of the demonstration and the tenor of its vilifications stamp it clearly as the puppet on Moscow's knee.

What did Kassem's so-called loyal troops do for Mr. Rountree? Disperse the demonstrators with tear gas, as they would in any other country where authority is respected? Call out the tanks? Show who's who? None of it. They quietly hustled their "hot" visitor out of a side door of the airport. So much for the Government's authority despite the fact that it had earlier given Mr. Rountree an assurance of safe conduct, welcome and protection.

Not The Master

THE truth is that Brigadier Kassem is not master of his country. At least twice in recent months he has survived attempted plots to dethrone him. On both occasions the ringleaders have been guillotined after considerable hesitancy—but his regime still stands at bay.

Kassem is reported to be indifferent to Nasser. And Moscow horns in with a friendly helping hand with big offers of trade, aid and arms. So Kassem is fighting subversion on two fronts. But it is the active opposition in the country that gives both Nasser and Moscow their best opportunities to make mischief.

A Tightrope

NOTICE that since coming to power Kassem has made none of the victorious barn-storming tours that Nasser has made in Egypt. Almost from the outbreak of the revolt he has kept out of the limelight and has used his troops guardedly. Today he walks a tightrope. What must concern the West most is who will succeed him if he falls. The men behind the mob are the most sinister power in Iraq today and Kassem will not fight them.

Mr. Rountree's visit has shown more vividly than any report he could write the chaotic state of Iraq today. It is typical of the turmoil that follows a revolution when established authority is violently overthrown in a fit of downright anarchy. The tragedy is that a second revolution can only make matters worse. For where Kassem is trying to keep his valuable contacts with the West, the next will follow Moscow's bidding.

To Devote More Time To Work Behind Scenes

Washington, Dec. 15. The U.S. State Department believes that Mao Tse-tung is preparing to resign as China's head of state. An authoritative source said today that the United States Government has received reliable information that Mao is likely "to resign," probably next month when the National People's Congress meets.

British Warplanes For Indonesia

London, Dec. 15. Export licences will be given by the British Government for the sale of six Gannet aircraft to Indonesia, it was learned at the Foreign Office tonight.

They will be the first of an order of 100 planes from the Indonesian Government. No export licences have been given for warships for Indonesia, it was further learned.

The export of the Gannets, three-seater anti-submarine aircraft, has been sanctioned as a result of long negotiations. During the talks a down payment was made by the Indonesian Government for the training of men to fly these aircraft and Indonesian crews have been training in Britain.

The decision to grant export licences was taken after a talk between Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary, and Dr. Subandono, the Indonesian Foreign Minister, during the latter's recent visit here.

The Gannet is a mid-wing monoplane powered by two turbo-prop engines placed side by side. The Gannet carries torpedoes, bombs and depth charges.—Reuter.

Famous Movie Fan Dies

London, Dec. 15. Britain's best known movie fan, Sir Arthur Jarratt, died yesterday. He was 64. Sir Arthur, Managing Director of British Lion Films, Ltd., was known for his uncanny flair for picking and booking motion pictures which later became box office hits. He was knighted in 1946 for his work with the Royal Naval Film Corp.—U.P.I.

It is understood that when he leaves Singapore to continue his tour he will visit Manila and Japan. He will not pass through the Colony.

Mr. Alexander headed the Government of the Colony from 1947 to 1957.

SHIP SEES GONDOLA OVER ATLANTIC

Santa Cruz, Dec. 15. A German ship sighted the ocean-hopping balloon "Small World" on course northeast of the Cape Verde Islands, the Spanish radio reported today. A spokesman for the government-operated radio monitoring post here said a message from the 15,000-ton German vessel Berta Entz indicated all was well with the gondola and the three men and the woman aboard it.

A QUARTER DONE
The Berta Entz reported seeing the balloon "flying on a southwesterly course at an altitude of 700 (feet) at a speed of nine knots" late Sunday night.

It was the first confirmed sighting of the balloon since it took off on its 3,000-mile journey three days ago. The "Small World" has completed more than one-quarter of its voyage of America, it was estimated tonight.

Source said the balloon, which took off from here on Friday on its flight-making trans-Atlantic free flight attempt, had completed at least 800 miles of its journey today.—U.P.I.

REVOLVERS DISAPPEAR FROM TROOPER

Southampton, Dec. 15. Detectives and Army security officers visited the British Troopship Empire Fowey at Southampton today to investigate the reported disappearance of revolvers during her voyage home from Cyprus.

The 19,110-ton troopship had called at a number of other Mediterranean ports on her way to Southampton which she reached late last night. The packing case containing the revolvers were loaded at Tobruk, Libya.

DISCOVERED
A Southampton dockyard discovered the broken case while helping to unload the ship. From the position of the case in the hold police believed that the revolvers were stolen either at Tobruk or between there and Benghazi.

The Empire Fowey called at Benghazi a day or two after leaving Tobruk.—China Mail Special.

£100m A Year

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Australia Seeks Ban For Kramer Troupe

Melbourne, Dec. 15. The Lawn Tennis Association of Australia are seeking a world ban on the use of amateur courts by Jack Kramer, the American professional lawn tennis promoter.

The Australian Association recently banned the Kramer troupe from playing on amateur courts in Australia. And their latest move, decided upon at their meeting here tonight, follows an alleged approach by Mr. Kramer to Australian Country clubs to break the ban.

Mr. D. M. Ferguson, Chairman, said that by approaching the clubs, Mr. Kramer had contravened Australian Association rules and invited the clubs to break a rule of the International Federation.

World Move
Mr. Ferguson said the association hoped the International Federation would circulate its member countries and that the Kramer troupe would be banned from the amateur courts which had previously been available to them.

The meeting decided to sponsor a tour of "suitable" amateurs to country centres, which stand to lose money by Kramer's non-appearance.

In Perth, Jack Kramer said the association was very short-sighted. "I don't know how long I can turn the other cheek he said. "I could get rougher than I have been. I could have my boys playing in October, November and December the same time as the amateur season."

Denied Attempt
Kramer denied that he attempted to force country clubs to break the ban on his troupe, which was recently imposed by the association.

These country clubs approached me, saying they still wanted to see my troupe, ban or no ban," he said. "My principle has been that everyone should pay to see the best players in the world. I am sorry this has happened. I can have my own courts set up as I have done in Europe and North America."—Reuter and U.P.I.

Gas Explosion Kills One

Toronto, Dec. 15. A gas explosion in a furniture store today killed one person, flattened two buildings and shattered windows up to a mile away. Twenty persons were injured in the blast in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

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Surrounded
The traveller said that mobs surrounded Rountree's car in an attack apparently similar to the ones against Vice-President Nixon in Venezuela last summer. He said the mob threw stones that smashed windows in the car.

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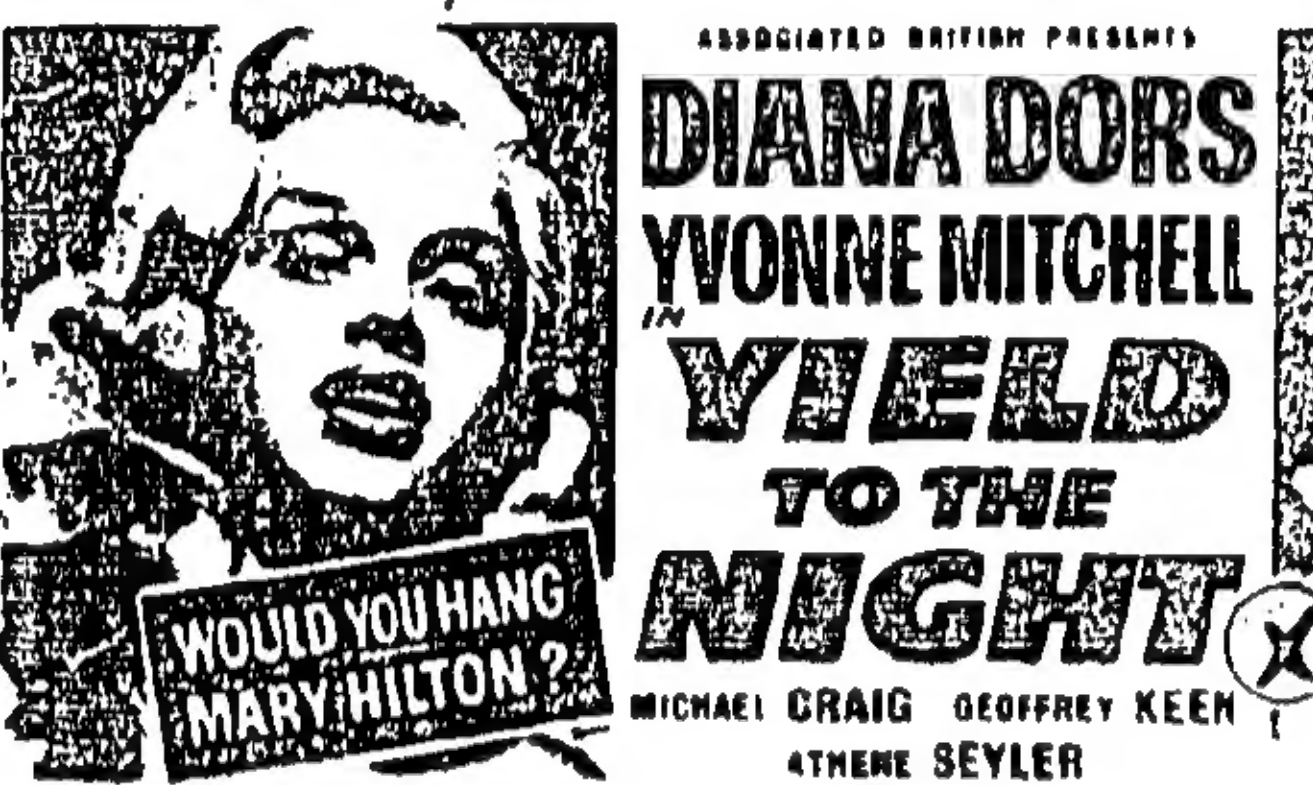


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CRISIS FOR JULIANA



Queen Juliana

The Hague, Dec. 15. Holland's Socialist Party walked out of Parliament tonight and plunged the nation into a political crisis which could end in a general election.

Queen Juliana tonight asked Professor L. J. M. Beel, a Catholic Minister of State and former Prime Minister, to hold an "informative inquiry" and report to her on Holland's political crisis as soon as possible.

The crisis erupted last Friday when the Socialist Prime Minister, Dr. Willem Drees, and four other Socialist cabinet ministers resigned following disagreement over tax proposals with their coalition allies, the Catholic People's Party.

Other ministers placed their portfolios at the Queen's disposal. Today the Socialist Party walked out of the Second Chamber when a procedural proposal dealing with the tax proposals was adopted.

The state of the parties before the resignations was: Labour Party, 50 seats; Catholic People's Party, 40 seats; Christian Historical Union, 13 seats; Anti-revolutionary Party, 15 seats; People's Party for Freedom and Democracy, 13 seats; and the Communist Party, seven seats.—Reuter.

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Western Stand On Berlin

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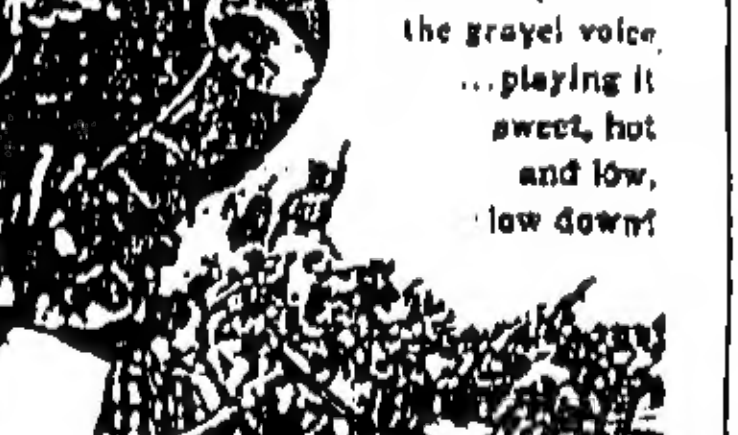
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Boy Stuck His Thumb Into Open Wound

Copenhagen, Dec. 15. A 13-year-old Danish boy, Leif Nielsen, saved his younger brother's life by plunging his thumb into an open wound his brother had received when falling through a window.

Young Leif had seen the first aid measure demonstrated recently on television, and when ten-year-old Johannes crashed through a downstairs window of the family's home at Tarm, Jutland, last night, Leif without hesitation put his thumb into the wound and kept it there while a doctor was summoned.

The doctor told him to hold on and it was in the operating room of the local hospital that Leif finally withdrew his thumb.

Surgeons said that if it had not been for the boy's fast thinking, his brother would have bled to death in less than ten minutes.—Franco-Press.

Britain's Promise On Arms Shipments

London, Dec. 15. The British Government tonight gave an undertaking it would not allow any more arms to go from Britain to Cuba, now suffering from civil strife, without telling Parliament.

A Labour member, Mr. Hugh Delargy, had protested in the House of Commons at British arms being "used by the Cuban dictator to kill the citizens of Cuba."

An all-out offensive was going to be launched next week, chiefly with the aid of British arms, he said.

"This is something unknown to the British people or to Parliament."

"At this moment a ship is lying in a British port loaded with about 100 tons of rockets which are to be despatched to the Cuban dictator," said Mr. Delargy.

Mr. Allan Noble, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said the last ship with a consignment of rockets for which licences were approved left on November 3.

He gave an assurance that no weapons would be sent without informing the House.—Reuter.

Khrushchev: Agriculture Shortcomings

Moscow, Dec. 15. The Soviet Premier Mr. Khrushchev said there was a "number of major shortcomings" in Soviet agriculture while industry was making considerable headway.

"This gave rise to a certain disharmony between industrial and agricultural development, between the states real requirements in grain and other products and their actual production," he said.

"One of the most pressing and vitally important tasks that arises before the Communist Party, before the Soviet people, is that of assuring a rapid growth of agricultural production in the shortest possible time, in order to satisfy the people's requirements in food products and industry's requirements in agricultural raw materials."—U.P.I.

BRITAIN, FRANCE CLASH ON COMMON MARKET

Paris, Dec. 15. The full council of OEEC tonight failed to reach agreement on linking the European Common Market with the other 11 OEEC members.

This followed sharp clashes between the French and British delegations over the best way of associating the six common market nations with the 11 other members of the OEEC.

Sir David Eccles, President of the Board of Trade speaking for Britain told France that it would be forced to take defensive measures if discrimination started when the common market scheme was put in operation by the six—France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg on New Year's day.

M. Maurice Couve de Murville, French Foreign Minister replied that Britain's reference to "retaliatory action" was a direct threat which jeopardised future negotiations.

Dramatic Bid

Britain in a day of tense developments had earlier made a dramatic new bid to save Europe from a threatened trade war following the collapse of the Free Trade Area negotiations.

She had demanded an immediate reply to her proposal opening her industrial home markets to the six common markets on a reciprocal basis.

But France declined to give this reply stating that time was needed to study details.

Another attempt to patch up differences will be made on Jan. 16.—Reuter.

'Singapore Should Ban Seato Meetings'

Singapore, Dec. 15. Mr. Lim Cher Kheng (Independent) told the Singapore Legislative Assembly today that the people of the Colony would not welcome its use as a venue for Seato meetings.

He said the holding of such meetings would make people think Singapore was a "Gibraltar of the East."

He suggested Singapore should send delegates to future Afro-Asian conferences.

The Chief Secretary, Mr. E. B. David, replied that under Singapore's new home rule constitution there was provision that the British Government should have full and free use of its base in the Colony for the discharge of its obligations.

"Certain obligations have to be accepted by the United Kingdom Government to make sure that the cold war does not become hot war, and that certain designs of other countries should not be given free rein," he said.—Reuter.

POLICEMAN HELD AS SUSPECTED TERRORIST

Nicosia, Dec. 15. A 20-year-old former Greek Cypriot police sergeant, Michael Patsalides, who was arrested in Kyrenia during the anti-Eoko operations last month, was released from custody today, but immediately served with a detention order and detained as a suspected terrorist under the emergency regulations.

These regulations provide for the detention of suspects without trial.

Another policeman, Charlamios Kavazas, who was arrested the same day as Patsalides, was released today, and returned to duty at his former station.

Five other policemen arrested at the same time are still in custody pending investigations but nine other men from Kyrenia, arrested during the course of the operation were released today.—Franco-Press.

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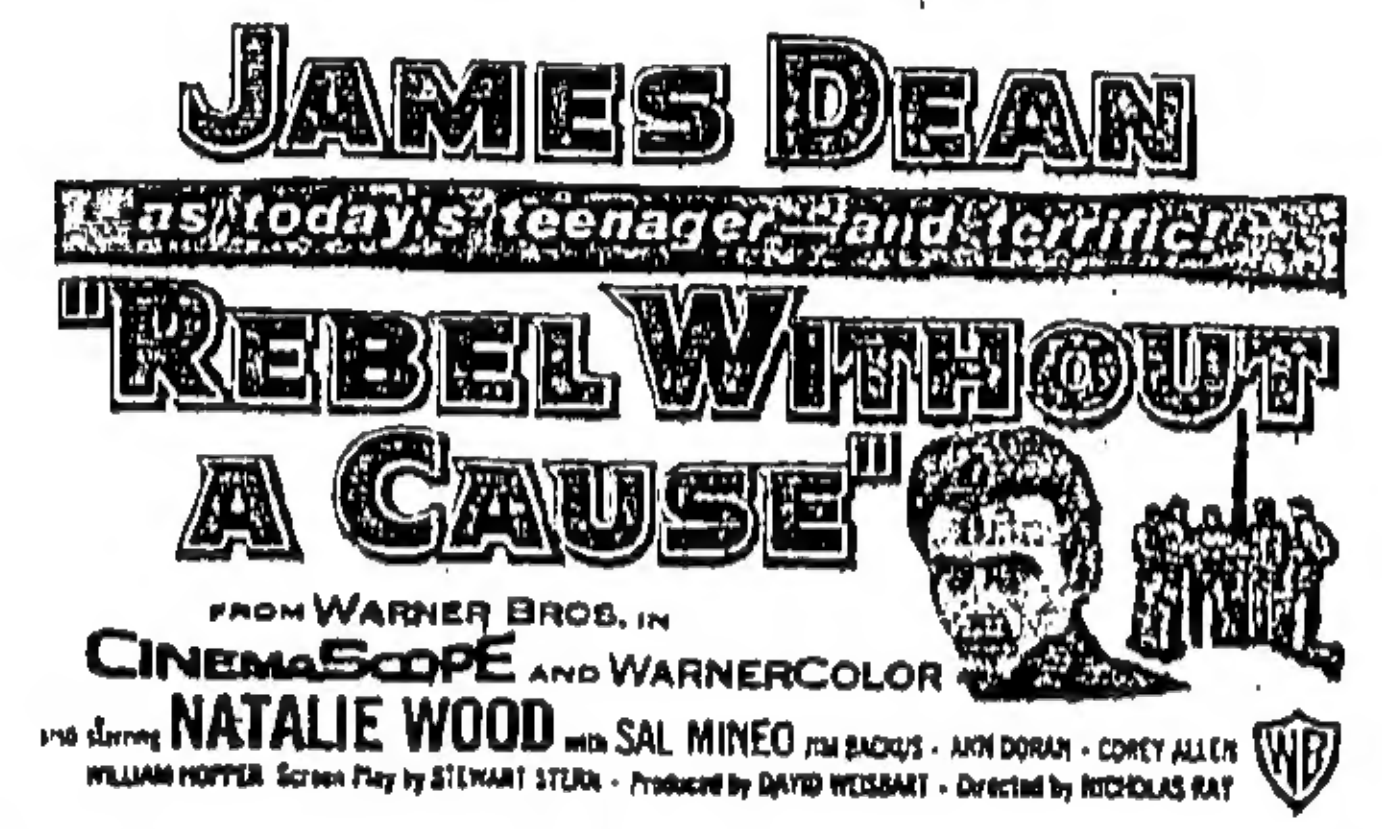
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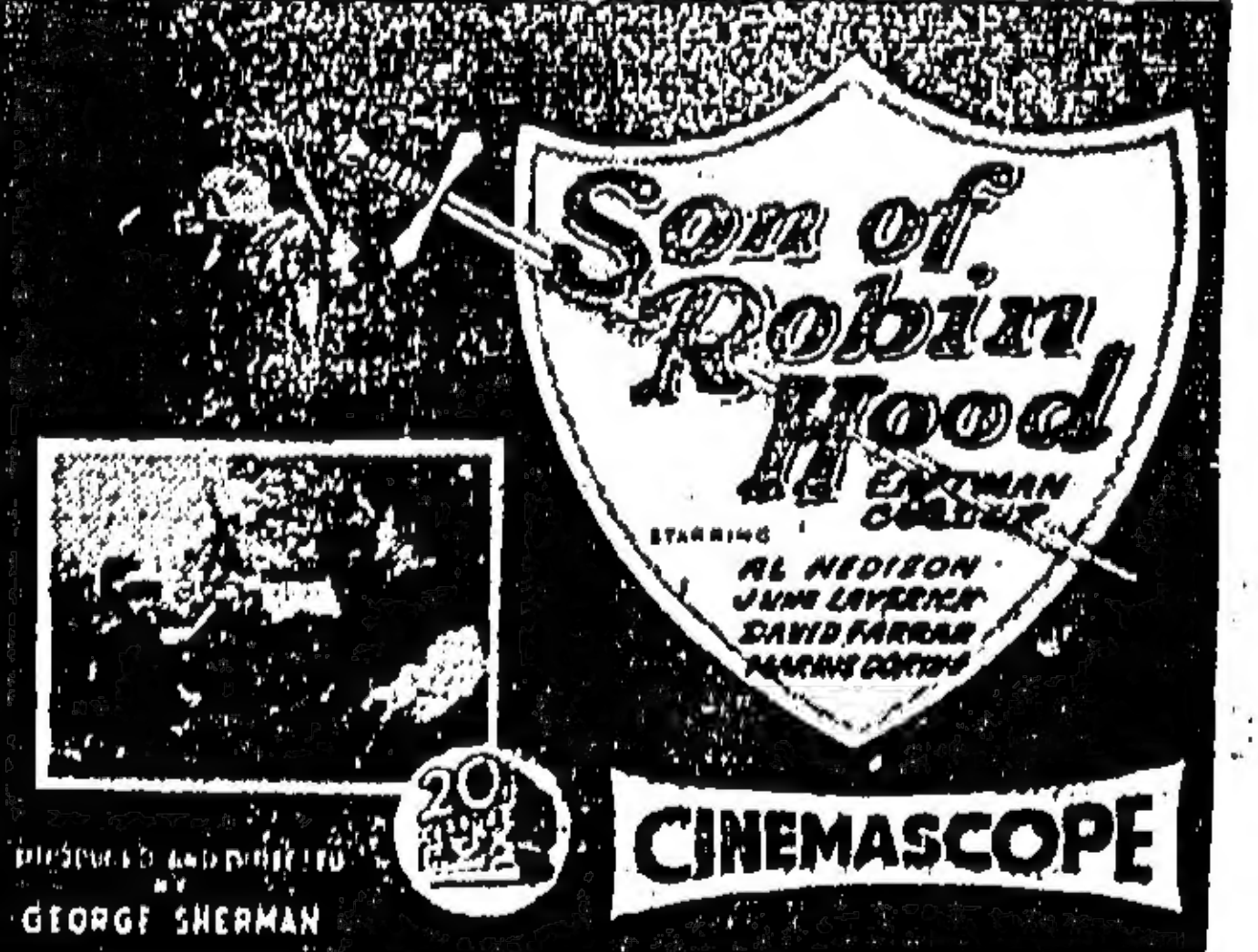
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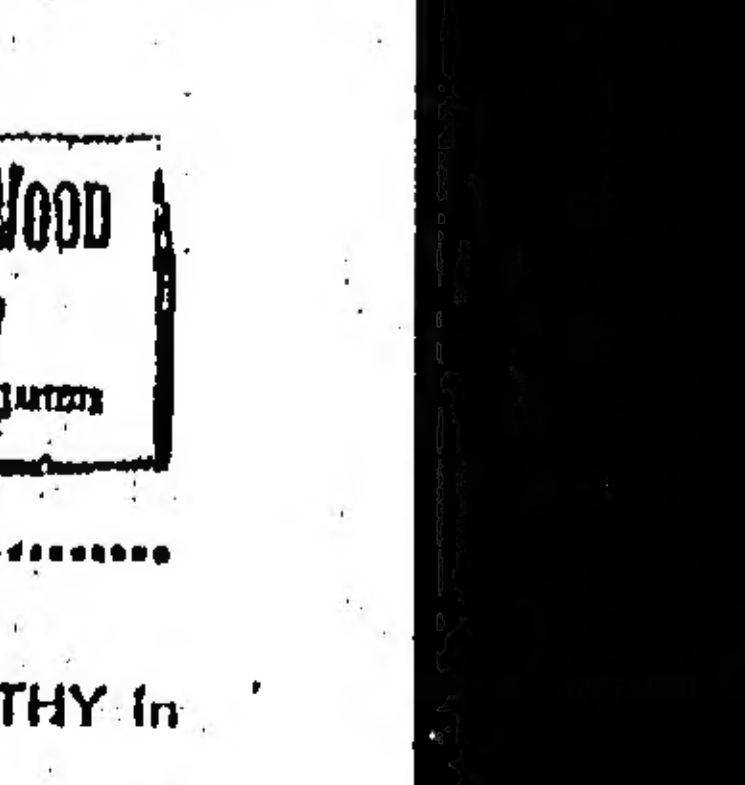
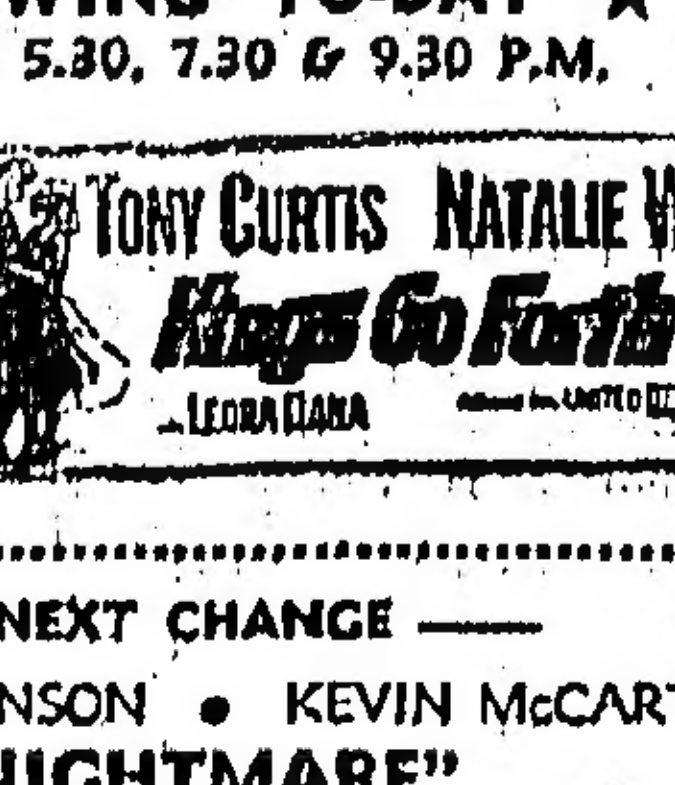
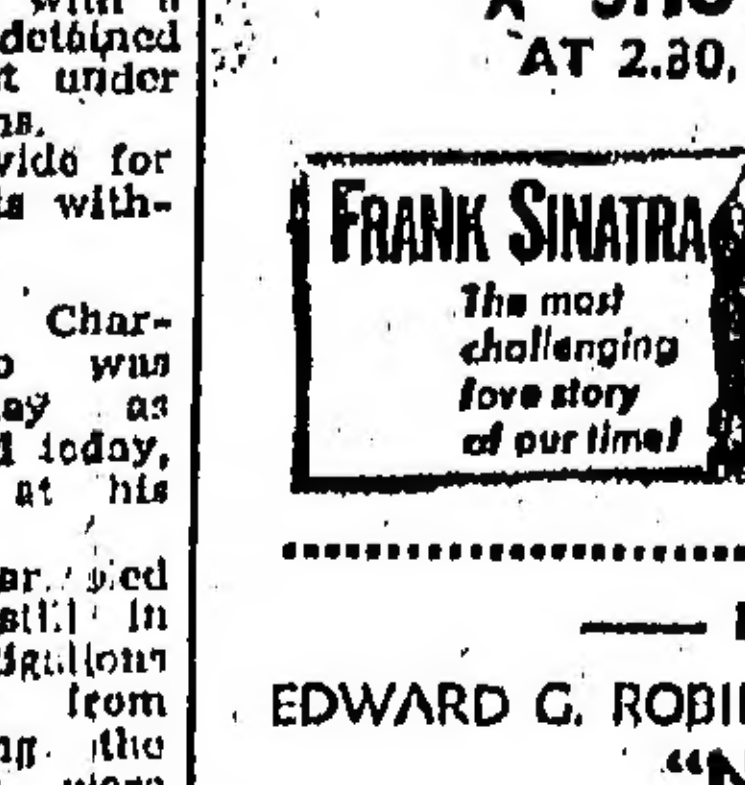
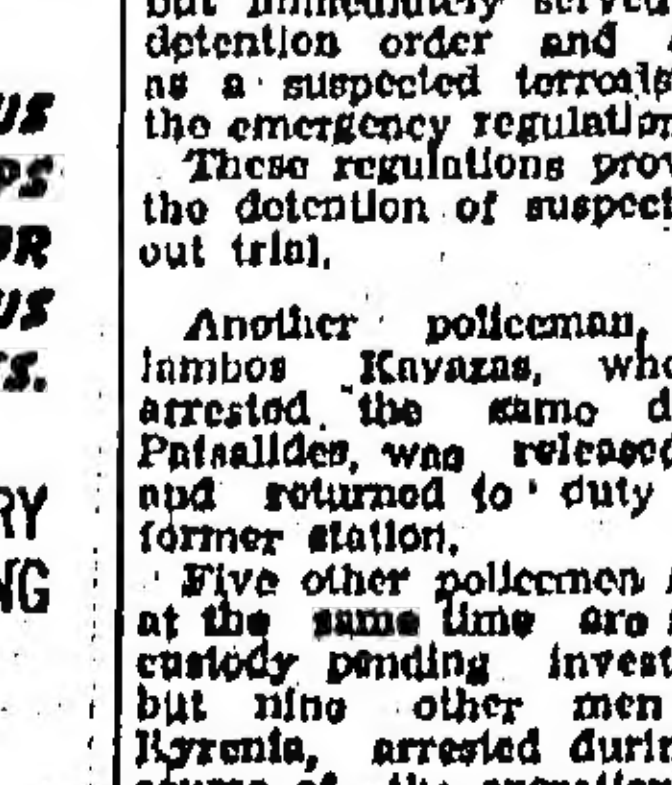
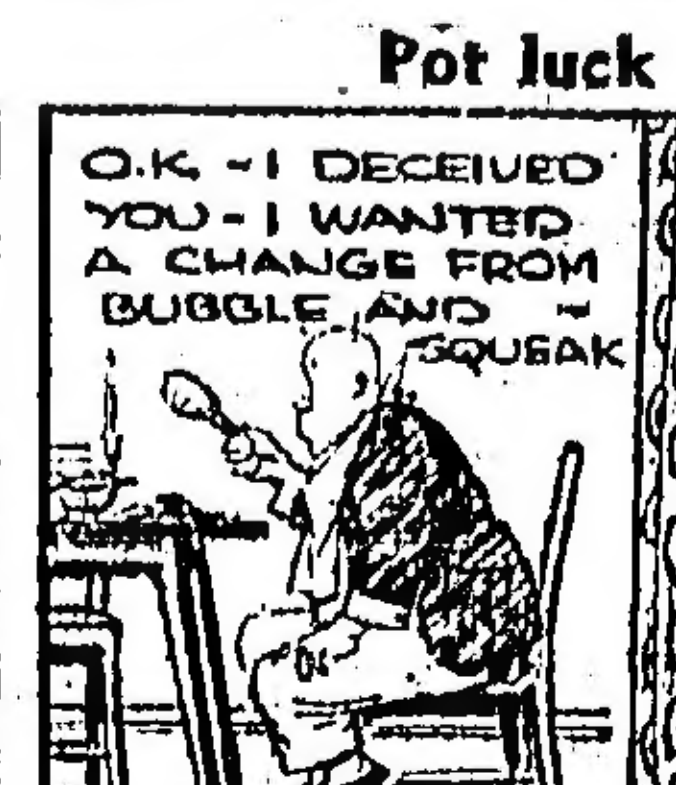
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Soviet Premier Attacks Ousted Colleagues

BULGANIN "A WRETCHED SPLITTER," SAYS K.

Moscow, Dec. 15.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev tonight called ex-Premier Nikolai Bulganin and the other ousted Soviet leaders "a despicable group of wretched splitters," Moscow radio reported.

He blamed them for attempting to sidetrack agricultural policy and opposing the interest of the people.



Premier Khrushchev



Ex-Premier Bulganin

Marshal Bulganin was dismissed as Premier last spring but it was only last month that he was linked with former Premier Georgi Malenkov, ex-Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, and Shostakov, and former Communist Party member Lazar Kaganovich as a member of the anti-party group.

Today's attack, delivered at a meeting of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee in Moscow, took Bulganin and the group to task for opposing agricultural policy.

The Central Committee meeting began today and was expected to continue for several days. There was no indication when it would finish.

Lost Touch

"In the light of present achievements in agriculture, every Soviet person can see the more clearly that the anti-party group, which had lost touch with the people, had been opposed to their vital interests, and was fighting against the implementation of the Party line mapped out at the 20th Party Congress for all the major problems of domestic and foreign policy," Mr. Khrushchev said.

"Everyone can now see the shameful debate of this despicable group of wretched splitters exposed and routed by the Central Committee and swept aside by the Party and people."

Mr. Khrushchev said that despite the efforts of the anti-party group, agricultural output had increased in the past five years and living standards had raised.

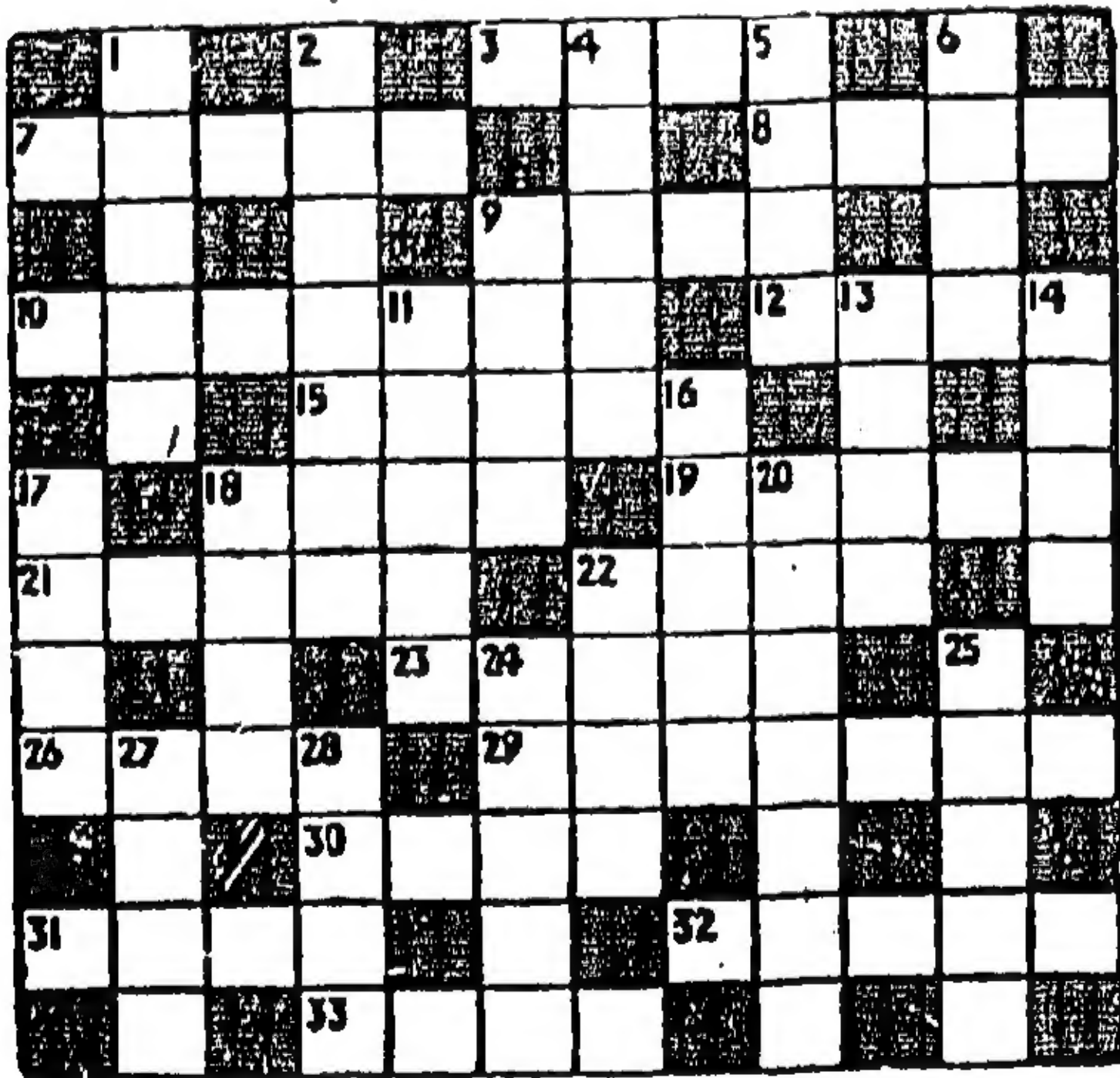
But he added: "In this five years it is necessary to speak once again of the anti-party group of Malenkov, Kaganovich, Molotov, Bulganin, and Shepilov."

"By their factional activities they had thought to disrupt the implementation of Party decision and to revise the Leninist main line of the Party on the fundamental problems of the country's development," France-Press.

Last Loco

Crows, Dec. 15. Crews, home of the British steam locomotive for 115 years, produced the last of its 7,331 steam locomotives today. The big railway plant is switching to making diesel electric trains. — China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Make an attack (4).
- 7 Nitwit (5).
- 8 Circus character (4).
- 9 Abel's bundle (4).
- 10 Dismiss with disgrace the bank official (7).
- 12 Trail a carriage (4).
- 13 Being angry, I could (5).
- 14 Rate of progress in a tangle? (4).
- 15 Torch as a trade-mark (5).
- 21 Dress on parade? (5).
- 22 Not up yet (4).
- 23 When it comes to these some criminals are crackers! (5).
- 25 Yorkshireman (4).
- 26 Epithet often used for a bride (7).
- 30 Sly grin (4).
- 31 Edge, with or without the first letter (4).
- 32 She is expected to give patient attention (5).
- 33 Close up (4).

DOWN

- 1 Bedouin of sound mind? (5).
- 2 The empty-headed have this in mind (7).
- 4 A bit separate (5).
- 5 A two way exploit (4).
- 6 Jot a letter in Greek (4).
- 9 Pounded by police (4).
- 11 Fetters for golfers (5).
- 12 Dora's way (4).
- 14 High-ups in the Ireland (4).
- 16 Declined to be sent back to bed! (5).
- 17 Is mixed grain put into it? (4).
- 18 The twist is a letter in itself (4).
- 20 What's left (7).
- 22 A long way off (4).
- 24 You want to fight? Here's the place for it (5).
- 25 The toothless cannot (5).
- 27 A Lancashire tale? (4).
- 28 The Spanish manuscript with many leaves (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Andie, 7 Ugly, 8 Spill, 10 Value, 11 Tie, 13 Unruffled, 15 Inch, 16 Leaf, 19 Metabolous, 22 Fear, 24 Piers, 25 Indus, 26 Time, 27 Disarm, Down: 2 Biting, 3 Dull, 4 Soviet, 5 Cultural, 6 Glee, 8 Cattle, 12 Halls, 13 Unill, 14 Heterocross, 17 A-mah, 18 Misad, 20 Units, 21 Order, 23 Eple.

Bevan Hostile On Cyprus Partition Rumour

London, Dec. 15.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Labour opposition's foreign affairs spokesman, today urged the Government to repudiate a "rumour which has got abroad" that a plan for partition of Cyprus had been drawn up in the event of an agreement on the colony's future not being reached.

Mr. Allan Noble, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, evaded an answer.

Speculative newspaper reports last week suggested that the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, had disclosed to the Conservative Party that the Government had a plan for partition of Cyprus worked out ready for use if all else failed.

"Investigations"

Mr. Noble said the Colonial Secretary was merely repeating what was stated in May, 1957 when the British Government said: "Preliminary investigations were made as to whether partition was a practicable possibility and on the problems involved."

Mr. Bevan said it was a "singularly stupid moment to select to make a statement of that sort, in view of the fact that we are all hoping that a conference will be held that will result in a settlement." — Reuters.



He lost his girl-friend but gained a sister! Richard Gillett, after taking Dorothy Manewal, 16, out on a date to a Christmas decoration party discovered that she was his long separated sister. Adopted by different families after their mother was killed 10 years ago, they never were able to find each other. — U.P.I. Telephoto.

Patients Cook In Self-Help Hospital

New York, Dec. 15.

Patients in the new Boulder, Colorado, Sanitarium drew window curtains, washed or shaved, made toast and poured their orange juice, and turned on radios this morning without getting out of bed.

Each patient has a motorized bed, flanked by a cabinet which contains a small refrigerator, a pull-down sink, outlets for showers and other electric gadgets.

A push-button panel will adjust the bed to seven positions, open window drapes, turn on or off any light in the room, turn on or off a radio, television set, public address system, or, as a last resort, summon a nurse.

The self-help rooms, by saving nursing care and space, paid for themselves, according to hospital administrator Harvey C. Hartman.

The \$1,400,000 89-bed hospital was dedicated yesterday. — U.P.I.

HARRY ON BBC

London, Dec. 15.

Harry Belafonte, the coloured American singer, has signed a five-year contract limiting his British television appearances to the British Broadcasting Corporation (non-commercial) network, the BBC announced today.

The agreement was described as the biggest individual contract negotiated by the BBC. A BBC spokesman would not confirm a report that Mr. Belafonte's fee was in the region of £25,000. — China Mail Special.

Foul Weather Upsets UK Transport

London, Dec. 15. Sea, air, road and rail transport were upset in many parts of Britain today by the worst weather conditions since last winter.

At noon more than 55,000 miles of main roads in 44 counties were reported covered in ice, snow, slush, fog or floods.

Fog stretching north from London into Scotland halted shipping in the River Thames and in the River Mersey, and brought air services to a standstill at northern airports.

Road accidents included a collision between two school buses at Wigan, Lancashire, in which about 60 children were injured.

The Dutch ship Vivo (297 tons) was damaged in a collision in the River Thames and the 12,115-ton British tanker San Fernando ran aground but was refloated in the River Mersey.

London airport was not affected. — Reuters.

31 Ships Trapped In Frozen St. Lawrence

Montreal, Dec. 15.

Despite the efforts of four icebreakers, none of the 31 ocean-going freighters trapped in the semi-frozen St. Lawrence for the last few days were able to crunch their way through to open water today.

The only optimistic notes in an otherwise bleak picture were the progress of the Sunkirk and Norco from Sorel down to Three Rivers, where further progress was halted by a snowstorm which blotted out navigation marks, and the escape of the Panamanian-registered Perseverance Bay from the lee of the Lachine Canal late last night.

A count late today showed 12 ships stranded below Montreal, 17 still in the Montreal harbour, eight loading cargo or awaiting departure instructions from the Harbour Master's office, and two ships in the Lachine Canal. — U.P.I.

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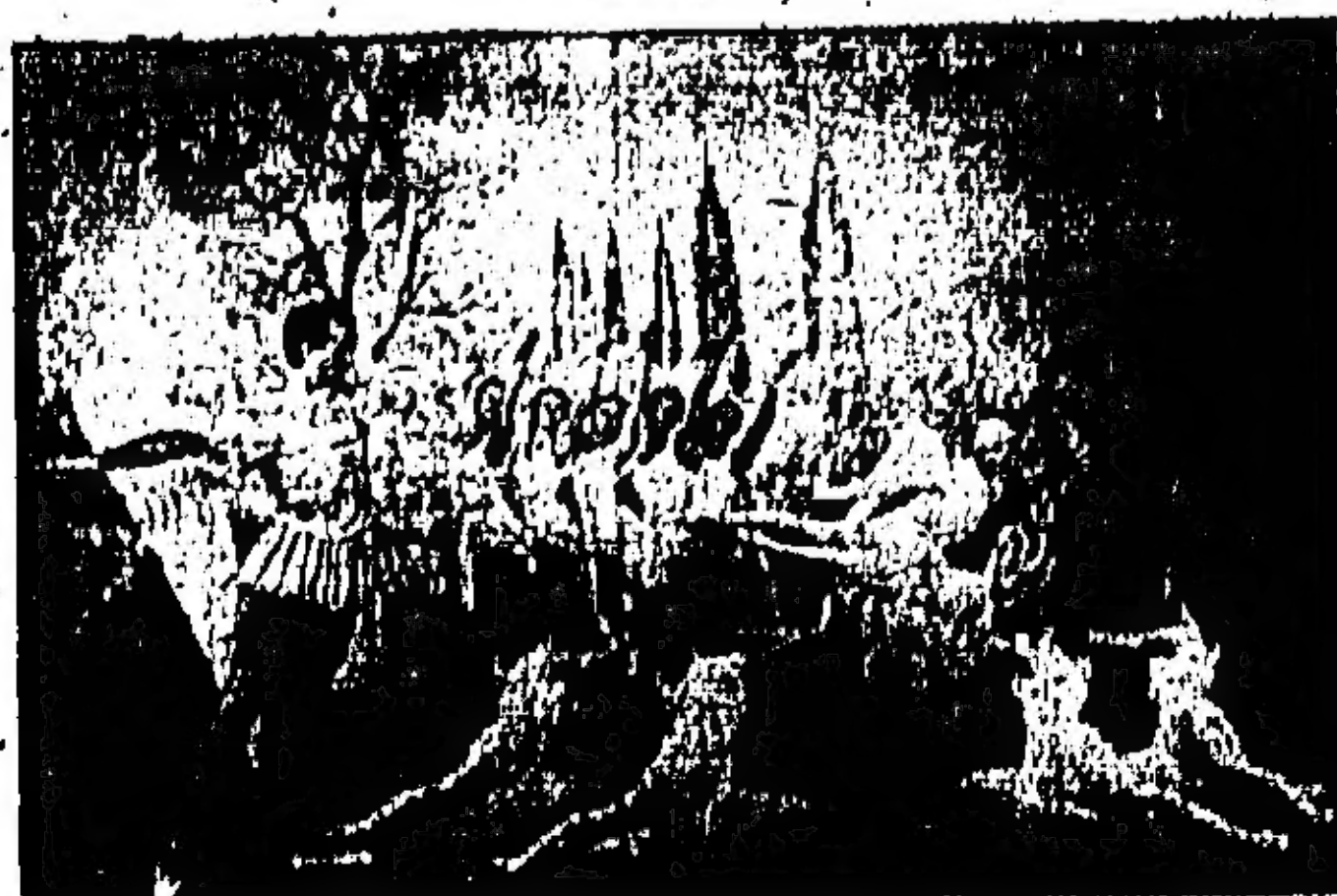
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Fantasy in F Minor
Scherzo in C Sharp Minor
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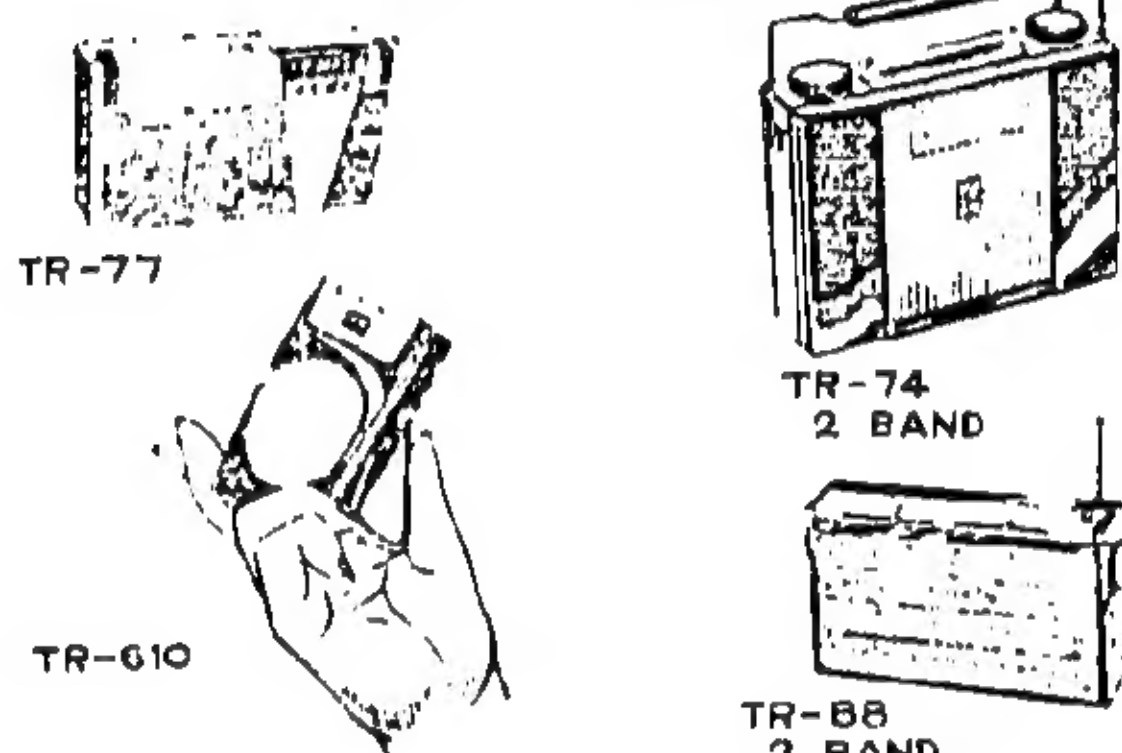
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LOGAN GOURLAY

The lady who thought she saw Princess Margaret...

IT could have been the most awkward moment of the week.

Princess Margaret, after seeing that French musical comedy "Irma La Douce" the other night, came into the small French restaurant in Soho where I was dining.

With her party of three she sat down at a table quietly and unobtrusively. None of the other guests recognised her.

But an American lady next to me, after staring for a few minutes, said: "You know, I'd swear that was Princess Margaret — but it can't be. I must ask her who she is on the way out."

She did, before anyone could stop her saying with genuine American informality: "I've just gotta say it. I've never seen such a striking resemblance. You're nearly as beautiful as Princess Margaret."

"Thank you," said the Princess. "I'm flattered." That's British democratic diplomacy, that was. Of the highest order.

Heart balm

Following Annigoni into the London market comes another Italian artist, **Fernando Gualtieri**.

He is not of Annigoni's pupils but he belongs to the same classical school. He claims to be a direct descendant of Raphael.

He didn't start painting until he was 30 but now, at 38, he's hailed as a master of the representational technique.

LIKE Annigoni he has been ignored or slighted by the critics.

LIKE Annigoni he can afford to ignore the critics.

A few weeks ago he arrived in London, where he plans to settle down, for the opening of

his first exhibition in the Bond Street Galleries. Within a few hours one of his large canvases, "Le Jeu de Mort" ("The Game of Death"), was sold for £4,000.

He says: "It is my major work and it breaks my heart to let it go. But a good price helps to heal the heart."

That's basic Italian common sense, that was.

THE TALE OF A LION

I saw a lion in Bond Street the other day. A bigish, 10-month-old lion weighing, I was told, 240lb.

It was in the showroom of Keith Prowse.

It had been sent to Peter Gubbins, boss of Keith Prowse, to advertise the Bertin Mills Circus. It got loose in the gramophone record showroom.

Democratically it ignored the Marchioness of Lansdowne, who was buying records and rubies; its coat against the nylon-clad legs of another lady shopper (untitled).

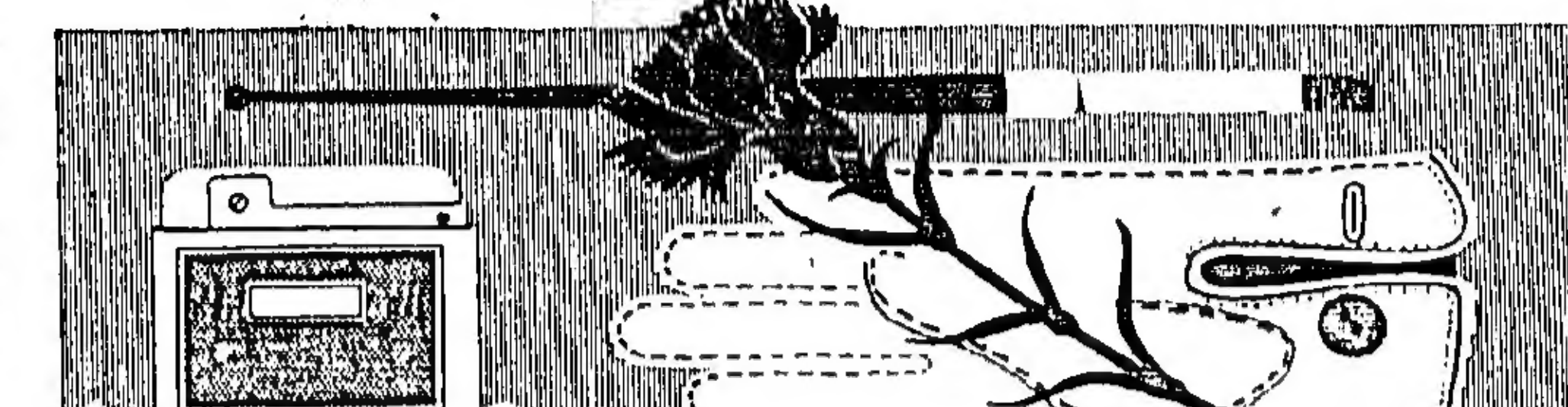
The lady looked down and said, "Oh, it's a lion. I hope it won't ladder my tights."

That's British phlegm, that was.

Exit (with carnation) the eligible bachelor

The Old Year stumbles to its end through the fog, struggling with it that strange animal — the eligible bachelor.

When Mr Gordon White went through that much-publicised wedding ceremony at St Margaret's recently, one of the



few remaining specimens was gone.

Of course, for the sake of monogamy and procreation there will always be strictly speaking, eligible bachelors.

Indeed, to a spinster over 30 any unmarried man is an eligible bachelor, even if he's sixtyish, bald, and bow-legged.

But I'm talking about the traditional, old-style type, who had to be one that gave him enough time and money for active bachelorhood.

Remember Mr White's list of former girl friends, including Grace Kelly, Maureen Swanson, Glynis Johns, Sharmistha Douglas, Ava Gardner, Kay Kendall.

You don't acquire a list like that unless you work at it. You need not only time and money but energy, persistence, and patience.

The money

WHICH BRINGS US to the explanation of why the professional-amateur eligible bachelor is passing into the limbo.

Who can afford to expend what it takes to qualify in these days of the Welfare State?

Listen to Mr Jimmy Hanson, who was best man at Mr White's wedding and who is left as one of the very few remaining eligible bachelors.

"I don't like being called that. I think it's old-fashioned. Belongs to another age."

"By chance I'm still unmarried" (He was once engaged and nearly married to Audrey Hepburn.)

"Maybe I enjoy my freedom. But I don't make a profession of being a bachelor. I've got other things to do."

The decline

Who else is left? The gonging world of debbery used to maintain more than a few. But 1958 has also seen the beginning of the decline of debbery.

They are depleted, spurned by the Palace, and now they can claim only one full-sized eligible bachelor — the tireless Charles MacArthur Hardy, who is beginning to look a bit lonely and isolated.

In the world of diplomacy and high society the Duke of Frim de Rivers, after years of happy bachelorhood and that recent court case, is retiring with his memories to his Spanish estates.

The Marquis of Milford Haven is still trying to regain his bachelor status.

There was Billy Wallace, whose eligibility carried the Royal Warrant, but he has, I'm sorry to say, been restricted by ill health.

So the eligible bachelor passes into history like the all-male House of Lords.

What can a poor little rich girl look forward to?

It seems to me that she'll have to accept the full-time paid professional. Already we've had a few examples of the trend.

Baron Nugent sold his unmarried talents to an American actress's TV show. Lord Kilbracken hired himself out as a bachelor escort (for £100 or so) to the pneumatic Jayne Mansfield when she visited London.

It is the inevitable development in the era of specialisation. And it is probably a lot more honest.

There was the sign on a discreet card in the window of a multiple tailor's in the Strand. It was just below another less discreet sign offering suits at sale prices, and it said: "Ici on parle Français." How often, I wonder, does "on" have to "parle français" in the multiple tailor's?

HERE COMES HAYLEY

First there was only John Mills in the profession. And his wife Mary Hayley Bell, who wrote plays that he sometimes acted in.

Then along came daughter Juliet. She is now, at the age of 19, turning considerable personal kudos in the play "Five Finger Exercise."

Now I can break the news that another Mills daughter,

Hayley, age 12, is following the family profession and augmenting the family income.

She has been appearing with father in a film titled "Tiger Bay." She even has a bigger part than father.

Says father: "I was a bit worried about acting in the same film with her. But it's worked out very well. In fact, she's wonderful. A real scene-stealer."

Obviously an actor doesn't mind scene-stealing when it's his own daughter.

Says Hayley: "I was worried too. I thought I'd have a fit of the giggles when I had to act with Daddy. But I didn't. I loved it."

"Course, I always wanted to be an actress."

Refused

Father Mills almost had the experience of acting with older daughter Juliet.

She was offered a leading part in the film version of "Summer of the Seventeenth Doll," which will be made in Australia.

But the management of the West End play she is appearing in refused to release her for the filming period (about nine weeks). Still she may be able to join the family for a short holiday in Australia.

Incidentally Mother Mills has just written a book titled "Whistle Down the Wind" which is about three children, remarkably like her own.

What about the youngest of the industrious Mills manage-eight-year-old Jonathan?

Is he about to join the profession?

Says Jonathan: "Never." He wants to be a farmer. He refuses to have anything to do with acting. He's already turned down several parts.

They say it of course with a distinct note of regret. And incredulity.

DUKE'S SUGGESTION

A SUGGESTION that the Duke of Edinburgh should compare hour-long "spectaculars" on American television showing aspects of life in Britain was made at the Dollar Exports conference held recently at Eastbourne, Sussex. The suggestion came from Commander W. Whitehead, a director of Schweppes (Overseas) Ltd, who was giving an address on British industry's public relations in North America. He said it was the custom for big American companies to buy an hour on television to put on programmes known as "spectaculars" which made a tremendous impression and reached an audience of 20 to 30 million. A British organisation should buy two or three such programmes a year to broadcast a spectacular panorama of British life. They might include Mr John Masfield reading one of his poems, a film of Trooping the Colour, the Prime Minister interviewed at Number Ten Downing Street, a visit to Harwell, Alec Guinness in a dramatic episode and the Hallelujah chorus at the Three Choirs Festival. These programmes, said Commander Whitehead, would cost about £100,000 each. The Duke of Edinburgh was the best person to compare them.

ROUND-UP

VILLAGERS' FIGHT

"A VERY great man" — that was how his commanding officer described Sergeant Tom Durrant, the young command sergeant from Green Street Green in Kent, who died in the St Nazaire raid in 1942. Subsequently his mother went to Buckingham Palace to collect the V.C. awarded after his death. The villagers of Green Street Green, near Orpington, have never forgotten his courage and are very jealous of his memory. Their feelings

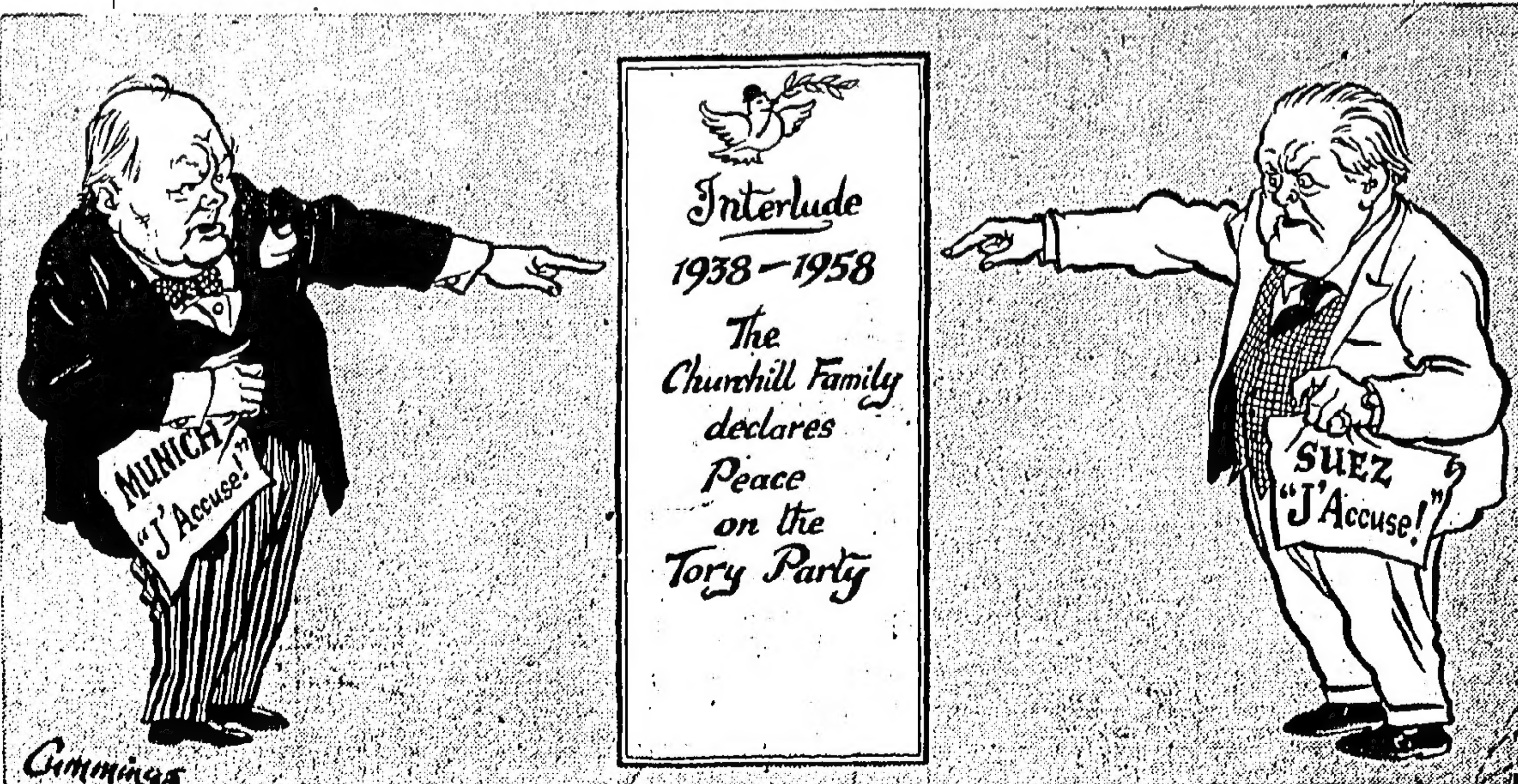
have sparked a row with Orpington District Council who have decided to name a street after him. But the new Durrantway is at Farnborough, several miles away from Green Street Green. And the people of Durrant's old village have protested. "The name 'Durrant' means nothing to Farnborough — but here in his home he is remembered," said one. "One of our streets should be named after him." The Council are sticking to their decision. "It is a new road in Farnborough that has been given the name," said Mr Frederick Hockey,

chairman of Orpington Council's highways committee. "Unfortunately there are no new roads in Green Street Green to be given names."

VULCAN FLIER

FLYING in a Vulcan bomber at six miles a minute or shovelling coal on a small locomotive at six miles an hour — both suit a young R.A.F. electronics officer in No. 617 Squadron, the famous "Dam-busters," stationed at Scampton, Lincolnshire. He is F.O. Vernon Burdett and has been interested in railways since he was a small boy. He often visits Wales on leave, when he works as a "fully passed" fireman on the narrow gauge line at Abercynolwyn. "He is working on plans for a 5ft scale model of the 'Bridge Over the River Kwai' with an engine passing over it."

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WHY I CRITICISE THE SELECTORS

Tom Finney's new book **FINNEY ON FOOTBALL** has already aroused a storm of controversy. It is considered the most outspoken book ever written by a current English international. And many sports-writers have already predicted that it marks the close of his career as an England player. This is Finney's reply to his critics.

To Strike A Blow For English Football

By **TOM FINNEY**
 (Of Preston North End And England)

Why did I write it? Why did a man who has played 74 games for England decide to criticise the selectors? I have been asked these questions all week long. My answer has been simple.

I wrote what I believed in the hope that such constructive criticism would strike a blow for English football. Would it have been more loyal to remain silent? If so, I am afraid that's a form of loyalty I don't understand. Any more than I could understand a man who'd silently watch his friend walk blindly towards the cliff edge.

The last thing I would wish to do would be to damage the game which has done so much for me. But honest criticism, I am sure, will never do that. Perhaps I have remained silent too long. For since my debut in 1946, I have watched the glamour of English football slowly fade.

Sad Decline

No player worth his salt can help but feel sad at such a decline. For me, however, the fall has been made even sadder by the conviction that England breeds the greatest natural footballers in the world. I feel that the England side which I first played for should have proved the foundation for future greatness. Remember that team included Stanley Matthews, Ralph Carter, Will Mannion, Tommy Lawton, George Hardwick and Frank Swift—men who would all have been claimants for berths in any World XI. And knocking at the England door were brilliant newcomers like Billy Wright, Nat Lofthouse and Bert Williams.

In those days, it was easy to believe in the future. But since then I have seen our dreams of world supremacy fall apart.

Static Ideas

I have watched other countries advancing with the times, experimenting and adopting new techniques, while our own ideas remained virtually static. And I have seen the rise of first, Hungary and then Brazil, two highly-drilled teams filled with dedicated footballers.

Be it look at obvious, and natural, pride in their supremacy. And both knew there was no easy road to the top.

I was particularly impressed by the Brazilians' training during this summer's World Cup at Gelsenburg. Hour after hour, they practised until even the most complicated movements began to appear simple.

They were superbly fit and came as near perfection as any team I've ever seen.

Was it any wonder they were a little surprised when the

England team arrived in Gelsenburg only 48 hours before the competition began? Certainly after our eclipse in the World Cup, I had no illusion left.

In the white heat of international football, we had been selected by men who, despite their enthusiasm and their loyalty, lacked an obvious football background.

Today, team selection is a specialised art which very few have mastered. Yet we continue to use an amateur approach. If our international cricket team is chosen by experienced ex-players, how much greater is the need of Soccer.

Near Tragedy

It is, in my opinion, little short of tragedy that inside-forwards such as Manchester United's Ernie Taylor and Sheffield United's Jimmy Hagan should have spent their careers—apart from one game each—in the international twilight. Both could have done so much for England.

I suppose it is inevitable that after having expressed these views, some people will regard me as a rebel.

But does the description really fit? After all, I have spent my entire career with Preston and transfer rumours have passed me as a rebel.

Death-Knell

No man has ever been prouder than I to wear the England jersey. And if we regain our supremacy, no one will be happier.

Many sports-writers, I know, believe that I have sounded the death-knell of my international career. I think they are wrong.

For although I may question the selectors' footballing knowledge, I have never doubted either their sincerity or their honesty.

Even if I'd shared the writers' views, nothing would have been changed.

FA Cup Replay

Wolverhampton, Dec. 15. Crystal Palace beat Shrewsbury 4-1 in the second replay of their second round English Football Association Cup tie here tonight.

The winners, who led 2-1 at half-time, are now to play field United in the third round of the competition. —Reuter.

Headaches Toothaches Colds
 are quickly overcome by
ASPIRIN



America's Junior Tennis Rankings

New York, Dec. 15. Young American Davis Cup hope, 16-year-old, Earl Buznick was today named as junior number one player here by the American Lawn Tennis Federation.

He gained this top ranking by virtue of his consistently brilliant play in Australia during his current tour. He is now tipped to represent the United States in the Davis Cup.

Other junior rankings were: (2) Charles McKinley, (3) Lawrence Nagler, (4) Paul Palmer, (5) Dennis Ralston, (6) Martin Riesen, (7) James Shaffer, (8) Ramsey Earnhart, (9) Ned Neely, (10) Frank Froehling.

Other ratings named Gardner Mulloy as the veteran (over 45 years) number one player. Sally Moore was rated number one girl player. Clark Grubner the under 15 number one, and Victoria Palmer the under 16 number one girl. —France-Press.

Top Sports Awards



Judy Grinham and Ian Black, the swimmers, with their trophies after they had been announced as Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year at the Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, last Wednesday.

Ian also won the BBC Television Sportsview Personality of the Year award. He is the first Scotsman to win the trophies.

Ian, 17-year-old Aberdonian, holds three European and five National championships. In a TV interview before receiving her trophy, Judy Grinham said it was unlikely she would swim again on an international level. But added, "If I was blackmailed I might go in for a team event". —Reuter photo.

Bassey To Defend World Title Against Moore

New York, Dec. 15. Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigerian holder of the world featherweight boxing championship, has tentatively agreed to defend his title against Davey Moore of California, towards the end of next February.

Mr. Jersey Jones, Bassey's United States manager, announced this today, and said the bout would be held in Los Angeles.

Moore, who at 25 is a year younger than the champion, is the number one contender for the title. Last week he scored a one-round knockout win over Ricardo Moreno (Mexico), who was beaten in three rounds by Bassey earlier this year.

Mr. Jones' announcement came as Bassey and his party were flying to New York from Los Angeles, where the champion scored a points win over Ernesto Parra (Mexico) in a non-title fight on Saturday. —Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Meeting HKFA Council Meeting at Sports Road, 5.45 p.m.
 Hongkong Softball Association Council Meeting, Shell Club, 5.30 p.m.
 TO-MORROW
 Rugby "North" v Police (BS) 4 p.m.

TIME RUNNING OUT ON THESE TWO FAMOUS SPORTSMEN

By **DEREK JOHN**

This week I spotlight two famous sportsmen for whom time is running out—Eric Evans, former captain and hooker of England Rugby, and Raymond Russell Lindwall, Australian veteran of 56 Tests. Evans needs only two more international caps to break Sir Wavell Wakefield's record of 31 England caps. Lindwall needs only five more Test wickets to break Clarrie Grimmett's Australian record of 216.

Standing between them and the new records is the single fact of advancing years. Evans is 33, Lindwall 37.

Consider first the case of Eric Evans, who led England to that rare Grand Slam in 1957 and the international championship last season.

A year ago he was said to be too old at 32, and he was ignored by his country's selectors.

Evans has trained just as hard this season. He broke his jaw in an early match, but has now fought his way back to top form.

Yet gallant Eric has not been included in England's first trial this month. The accent is on youth more than ever since the

new speed-it-up Rugby laws were introduced.

The captaincy of England is expected to be given to one of three younger men—left Butcherfield or John Herbert, first-trial skippers, or Peter Robbins, the former Varsity captain.

Losing Battle
 Ray Lindwall, one of the greatest fast bowlers of all time, has fought equally hard to retain his place against younger men. But he seems to be fighting a losing battle.

Eager to return to Test cricket, his daily programme has included a one-and-a-half mile run, skipping, half-an-hour on a cycling machine, and bowling at speed.

His recent form has been impressive. He led Queensland against a strong MCC XI and took five wickets for 57 runs in the first innings.

The Sad Fact
 But it was a bowler's wicket, and Lindwall's speed had clearly fallen to around medium fast, though he still looked the best pace bowler in Australia today.

He could make the ball leave the bat and he could produce that devastating yorker at will. His mastery of swing and pace-change was still in evidence.

Yet Lindwall has not gained a Test place.

The sad but inescapable fact is that speed and strength are now valued more highly than skill and experience in many

team games. The time has come when a sportsman needs to be as coy as an actress about his age.

I am not saying that a player is ignored by the selectors just because he is "getting on". But I do say that selectors are often unduly influenced by a man's age, and tend to overlook his performance.

If this were not so, 44-year-old Stanley Matthews would still be playing soccer for England.

Jack Hobbs Not Impressed By MCC Batsmen
 London, Dec. 15. Sir Jack Hobbs, 76 tomorrow, is not particularly impressed by the performances of the MCC batsmen in Australia.

"I am rather glad I am not watching the cricket out there," he said today at his Fleet Street, London, sports shop.

"It seemed to have been pretty dreary so far. It is a depressing experience to rise in the morning and switch on the radio to hear the daily tale of woe," added one of England's most famous batsmen. —France-Press.

THE GAMBOLS

By **Barry Appleby**



Cooking Problems Solved



Tomorrow's Hexangular Rugby

ARMY NORTH SHOULD BEAT POLICE BY GOOD MARGIN

By PAK LO

The postponed Hexangular match between the Police and Army North will take place tomorrow afternoon on the Police ground in Boundary Street. As the light fails quickly these evenings this game will start at 4.00 p.m. A win for Army North here will move them up to the top of the Hexangular Table as is shown below.

Rain Forecast On Final Day Of MCC's Match

Hobart, Dec. 16. Afternoon rain was forecast on the final day of the MCC's match against Tasmania here today. Tasmania were due to resume with their score at 30 for three in response to the touring side's total of 229 for seven declared.—Reuter.

REVENTLOW TO BUILD FORMULA ONE RACERS

Los Angeles, Dec. 15. Lance Reventlow—son of actress Barbara Hutton—today announced he would build formula one, 2½-litre, racing cars for Grand Prix events both in Europe and the United States. Reventlow's car firm has already designed and produced the "Scrub" sports car, which has returned brilliant results on American tracks this year. The new formula one cars will also be designed and produced entirely at the Reventlow plant it was announced.—France-Press.

Both Army South and Club, the two top contenders, are well down the Table at the moment but they should move to the top within the next few weeks. As a matter of fact, this week-end which brings Club against Navy and the two Army XV's against the weaker elements of the Hexangular will make a big alteration in the positions, with Army North likely to retain their place at the top of the Table if they win tomorrow.

Hexangular Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Navy	2	1	0	21	19	3	
Army N	1	0	0	14	9	2	
RAF	2	1	0	1	5	2	
Club	2	1	0	1	5	2	
Army S	2	0	1	1	21	2	
Police	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Certainly from the above table, the Army XV in tomorrow's game would appear to be certain to win with ease, but one never knows with the Police.

Once again their lineup shows a change with newcomer Ringer appearing at full-back, and last Saturday's full-back Dunn, moving out to the wing.

In another strange switch O'Hare is being given a chance to prove his worth in Lewis' usual position at scrum-half with Johnston outside him. Bellingham moves out to the other wing outside Scott to make room for Dunn.

The Police pack is unchanged from that of last Saturday, and much will depend on it. The Police seem to have left their switches until too late, and these fancy alterations in the backs would have come better a few weeks ago in the "friendlies".

The Army North side will naturally field the identical side that beat Club, and with their better pack should dominate the loose and lineouts.

More Impressive

Scrum-half, O'Hare does not look the right shape for a scrum-half, nor has he shown any outstanding abilities in this particular direction to date. He is a good three-quarter but his passing has never been outstanding.

The Army side with the bigger share of the ball have the better halves and back line, and though they beat Club on penalties, they were more impressive than the Police have been this season.

At full-back, the Army have little to worry about with Leppard behind them, and the main danger to the Army would seem to lie in the centre of the Police line where Riech partners Scott, but these two are not likely to get enough of the ball to do really serious damage, and the Army North should win by a good margin.

The Teams

Following are the teams for tomorrow's match.

Police: Ringer, Dunn, Riech, Scott, Bellingham, Johnston, O'Hare, Shelley, Cunningham, Purves, Newton, Connell, Roberts, Ross, Haigh.

Army North: Leppard, Penney, Boyes, Garnett, Hede-Cox, Phillips, Phillips, Wilson, McIntosh, Graham, Muntz, Wynn, Whitmore, Hodge, Hill.

DOWNES GOES DOWN FIGHTING



The unconquerable will to win shines through the bloody mess that is Terry Downes' face as he snakes a left through the guard of his American opponent, Spider Webb, in their international middleweight fight at the Empire Pool, Wembley, London, last Tuesday.

But the will to win was not enough. Although Downes had stormed back after taking a count in the first round, the referee stopped the fight at the end of the eighth round—in favour of the American.—Reuterphoto.

Two Contenders After Durelle's Empire Title

London, Dec. 15.

Light heavyweight Arthur Howard of Britain and Johnny Halafind of the Friendly Isles will stake their claim for a crack at the British Empire title in a bout which will be staged on January 12 in London.

The winner will seek a title contest with the reigning British Empire light heavyweight champion, Canada's Yvon Durelle.—France-Press.

Moore To Fight In South America After Some Rest

New York, Dec. 15.

Following his dramatic knockout verdict over Canada's Yvon Durelle, the ageless world heavyweight champion, Archie Moore, was today the guest of honour at an international boxing club dinner for fight journalists here today.

Veteran Archie, now aged 42 and 48, said following his South

American tour he would meet Durelle again in an open air contest in Canada. But first the old man of the ring will rest up at his training camp at San Diego, California, which he nicknames "My Walt Mine."

Moore quipped to journalists: "At my age you need a little rest now and again." He is due to leave the United States for Latin America on February 10. He will fight Dagomar Martinez at Montevideo whom he has already beaten in 1953.

He will also meet Mary Minas in Peru, Laizao in Brazil, Leyzua in Chile and Renaldo Anzalone in Argentine.—France-Press.

Australia's Top Swimmers Take Deserving Rest

Sydney, Dec. 15.

Three of Australia's swimming champions, Gary Chapman, Gary Winman and Lorraine Crapp, intend to rest this season.

They will not compete in competition events but will attempt comeback next year. Winman intends to concentrate only on surfing in Sydney while Chapman and Crapp will do little or no swimming of a serious nature.

Frank Guthrie who coaches Crapp and Chapman said today both swimmers have been top there since 1954 when they were successful at Canada's Empire Games.

They felt now they could miss a season and by hard training be back at their peak in readiness for the Rome Olympics in 1960 if they were chosen.—France-Press.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



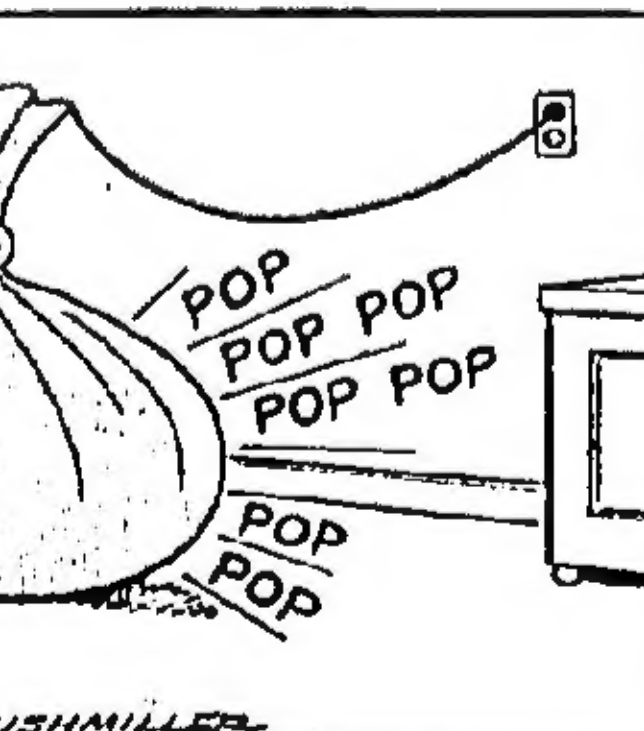
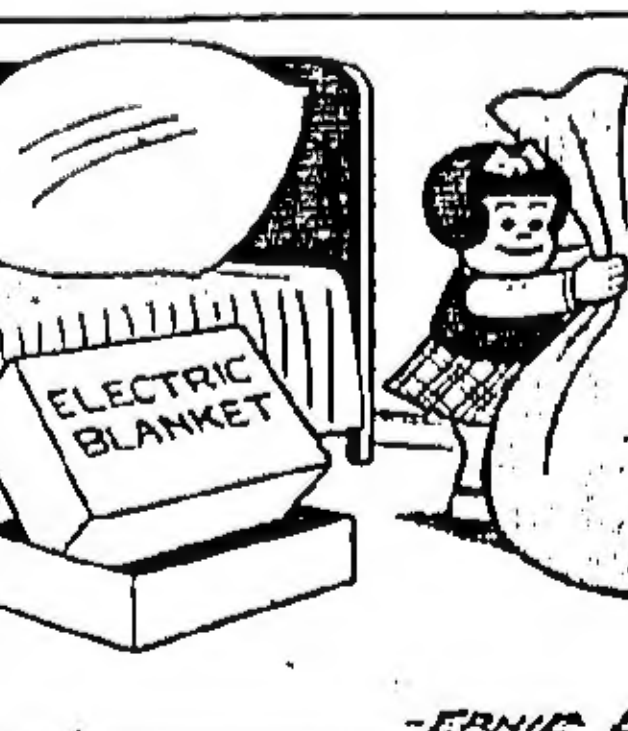
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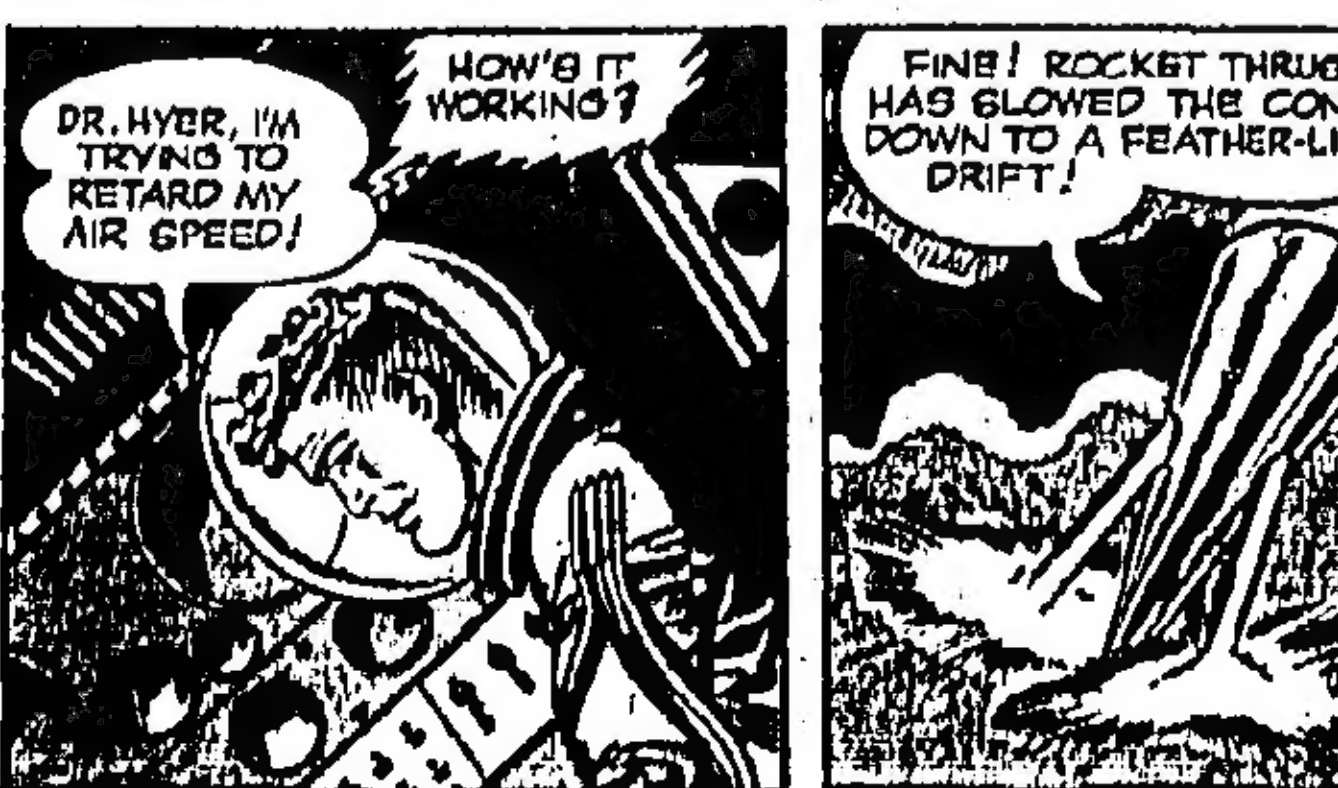
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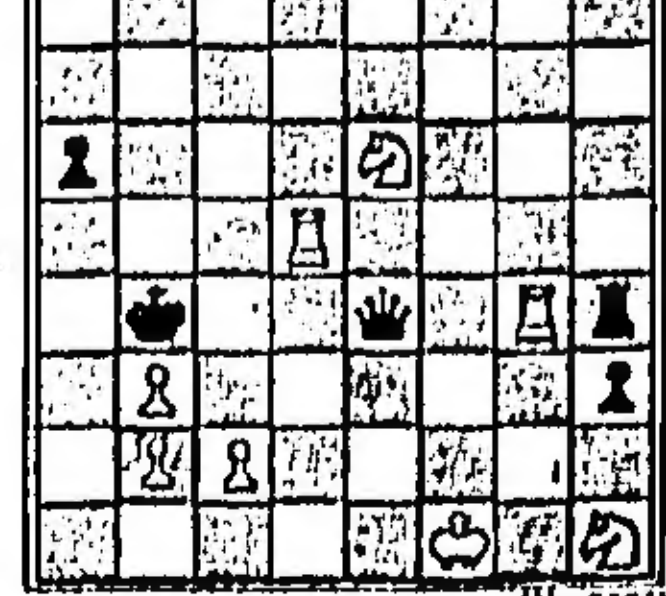
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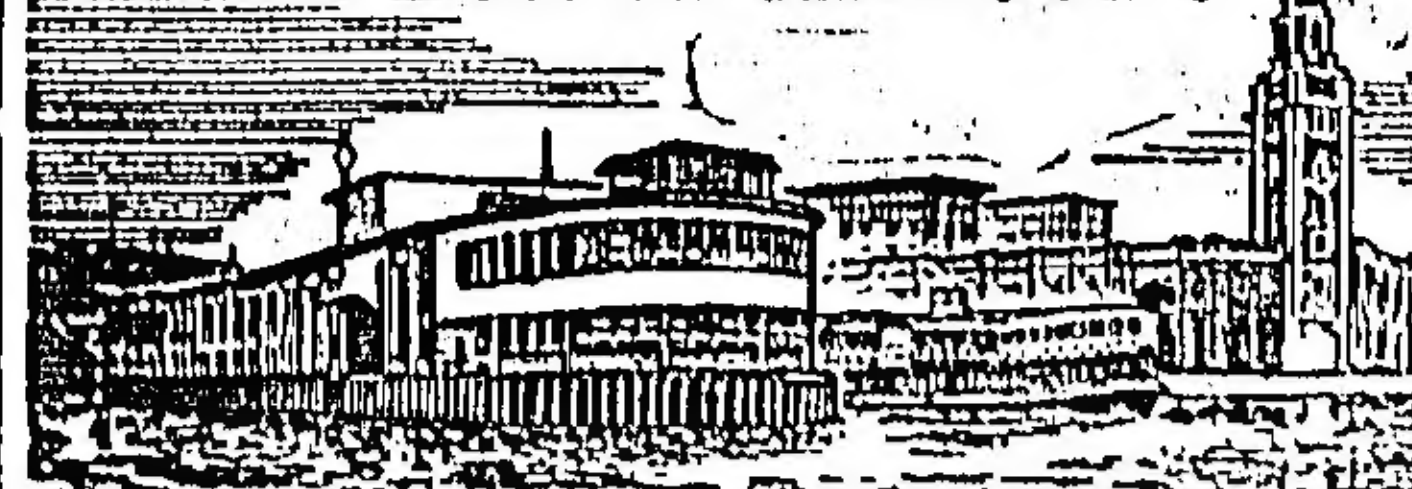
GHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a new problem by J. E. M. Crampin (Bury St Edmunds). White to play and mate in three moves. Solution No. 5539: 1 QxP ch, PxQ, 2 B-Kt6 ch, PxR, 3 R-K8 mate. London Express Service

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CMA PROBE ON FIRES

*But Cause
Not Yet
Established*

The Chinese Manufacturers Association have not yet established the cause of the three fires at the Exhibition, since it was opened on December 4.

A spokesman of the CMA said this morning that the Security Department of the Association were conducting an inquiry into the cause of the fires, but as yet, he had received no report of the results.

Hanging At Stanley Gaol

Lee Lam, aged 40 years, who was convicted of the murder of Pang Ying Choi at the Supreme Court on November 12, 1958, was hanged at Stanley Prison this morning.

Tram Knocks Down Man

A 32-year-old man was knocked down and injured by a tram in Des Voeux Road Central, near its junction with Jubilee Street yesterday.

Suspect Detained

The Police have arrested a Chinese following the snatching of a sum of money from a European woman outside Princess Theatre, Nathan Road, yesterday.

MAN'S SUICIDE BID RECOUNTED AT COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS

A man charged with the murder of a former Cantonese opera actress allegedly said in a statement to the Police that he had twice tried to commit suicide after having stabbed the woman.

The man, Chan Wai Kung, 47, advertising agent of No. 1 Berwick Street, Third floor, appeared this morning before Miss B. K. Searle at the Supreme Court in committal proceedings.

He was charged with having murdered Ho Sau Wan on October 22 last, at the same address.

In a statement to the Police read by Mr. Sun Kwok Cheung, interpreter attached to the C.D., Kowloon, Chan Wai Kung was alleged to have said that for two years Ho, a tenant in his building, had laughed at him in his presence "so as purposely to irritate me and make me feel angry."

Laughed At Me

"On October 22, Ho saw me walking past in the building and she covered her mouth and laughed at me," the statement read.

"About 15 minutes later, as I returned home, she again laughed at me and I felt very angry. 'I decided to go to the cinema and at 4.30 p.m. I returned home but I was still angry, I saw her in her cubicle and I told my wife that I wanted to kill her and die with her. I also took some spirit-transcending tablets, but I was still angry because, I think, I was always thinking of what she had done to me and to my wife in the past. When I opened my cubicle to go out I lost control of myself and stabbed her."

He said that as it was a private concern, he could say nothing at this stage.

At the Exhibition, the Security Department of the Chinese Manufacturers Association are conducting their own investigation into the causes of the fires.

No members of the Security Department of the C.M.A. were available for comment on the subject this morning.

Tip To Police Was A 'Double'

Dallas, Dec. 15. Policemen A. L. Edwards and Thomas Taylor, got a hot tip today that burglars were going to break into a place called Rita's Lounge. The tip was 200 per cent accurate.

Edwards and Taylor went to the place and caught two men sneaking out of the back door with \$25 in change from vending machines on them.

The policemen took the burglars to headquarters and after seeing them safely into jail, drove their squad car by Rita's again.

They caught three more burglars, this time trying to open a window.—U.P.I.

Nanyang Says: No Personal Differences

Singapore, Dec. 15. The Nanyang University today denied that "personal differences" had led to a former tutor Professor Fan Kio being forced to leave the Colony by immigration authorities.

Professor Fan who received a "leave or risk detention" order from the immigration department last week said on arrival at Hongkong "the immigration authorities are not responsible for this unhappy incident."

Eder led after the slaying of five members of the Tom Pennington family here last Friday.

Penningson, almost frantic with grief after discovery of the bodies on Friday, was confined to a hospital psychiatric ward for two days until his release today.—U.P.I.

Majority For Menzies

Sydney, Dec. 15. Mr. R. G. Menzies, Liberal Country Party coalition Federal Government in Australia was given its first Senate (Upper House) working majority since 1955 today, when the Commonwealth Electoral Office confirmed that a Country Party candidate had won the last of the New South Wales seats to be counted after the recent election.

The coalition now has 31 seats in the 60-seat chamber, which was previously deadlocked at 20-20 in party line voting.—Reuter.

Certified Dead, Lived To 100

Dublin, Dec. 15. A woman who as a girl of 17 was certified dead from typhoid fever has died at Kilmahnam just three months short of her 100th birthday.

She was Sister Delphine de St. Paul (Keush), of the Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Patrick's House, Kilmahnam.

When 17, Sister Delphine was certified dead from typhoid fever and her coffin was closed.

At the request of her sister, it was re-opened so that she might take a last farewell. "It was then that Sister Delphine's eyes opened."

From that day she decided to devote her life to the service of God through the aged poor. Many years ago she lost her sight, but a priest predicted that she would regain it, and she did.

Sister Delphine was the oldest member of her order.—China Mail Special.

'Flu Deaths

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 15. Hospital attendants are being rushed from here to Trengganu State, North Malaya, where 28 persons are reported to have died from influenza since October.—Reuter.

HK CAST TO PLAY IN SINGAPORE FILM

By DAVID T. K. WONG

Singapore. The Merdeka Bridge, Singapore's \$58,000,000 landmark, will provide the background for a tragic-romantic film in Cantonese aimed at the Hong-kong market.

The film, entitled Love on Merdeka Bridge, is about young love and in the popular tradition of Chinese movies will be a real tear-jerker. It will star Cantonese actress Lim Fung who will be coming here with a cast of about 20 from Hongkong in February for shooting.

Mr. Chau See-luk, the director of the film, is already here looking over the location.

He said: "This film will be an experiment as it will be the first Cantonese film to be filmed on a Malaysian location with a Malay plot. We expect it to be a great success both in Malaya and Hongkong."

The film is expected to cost Shaw Brothers about \$550,000 to produce.

FOOTNOTE: Merdeka Bridge is 2,000 feet long and is said to be the longest main road pre-stressed concrete bridge outside the United States.

16-Year-Old Held On Charge Of Killing Five

New York, Dec. 15. Sixteen-year-old Carl Eder, sought for three days for the brutal slayings of a mother and her four children, was captured by an off-duty patrolman tonight, police reported.

Eder confessed almost immediately to part of the crimes of which he is accused, police said.

The El Cajon Police Chief, Joseph O'Connors, said that an off-duty policeman given a tip by an unidentified woman captured Eder, formerly of New York, at Mission Beach, California, near San Diego.

O'Connors, who subjected Eder to rigorous questioning following his return here, said the woman had seen the lanky suspect loitering in the neighbourhood.

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Wrong Direction

New York, Dec. 15. Lester D. Strum, 25, a burglar under a seven-year term, made a rope out of towels, lassoed a pick axe and pulled it through the window of his jail cell in Greenville, Texas.

He went to work on the concrete wall of his cell and by labelling all Saturday night managed to dig out a six-by-eight inch hole before he was interrupted yesterday.

The man who interrupted Strum was guard Howard Warren, who told him he had dug his way into another cell.—U.P.I.

Theft From Flat

Cash and three watches to a total value of \$240 were stolen from No. 32 Second Street, 1st floor yesterday.

CONTRACTOR FINED FOR DEFECTIVE WORKMANSHIP

A building contractor pleaded guilty to a summons for defective workmanship in the construction of reinforced concrete beams for a school building and was fined \$500 by Mr H. H. B. How at Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr How gave defendant a month to pay the fine.

The contractor, Pong Chai, was the proprietor of the Tuk Cheong Construction Company, at B Sun Street, ground floor, Wanchai.

Honeycombed

Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel, told the Court that an inspection of the building at Inland Lot No. 1, Aberdeen, was carried out by members of the PWD on September 3.

The reinforced concrete beams were found to be "honeycombed".

The wooden moulds which had been badly put together had not fulfilled their function and allowed some of the wet cement to run away.

The concrete mix itself had been much too wet, said Mr Sneath.

Because of this discovery, Mr Sneath said, the PWD had ordered the total demolition of the beams.

Danger

He drew the Court's attention to the fact that the building was to house a school. If the defective workmanship had not been discovered there would certainly be danger to the children.

Asked by the Court, the defendant said he had been in the business for the last 32 years and had received no complaint about his work. He asked the Court to be lenient.

HE GOT HIS CHRISTMAS WISH

Chicago, Dec. 15. Judge Joseph Hermes played Santa Claus today and gave helper Hugo Kosmel (48) charged with vagrancy, his Christmas wish—a holiday gaol sentence for the third straight year.

"I like the Christmas dinner they serve at Bridewell gaol," Kosmel said. "Besides, I got a chance to take a bath." —U.P.I.

Exhibition By Famous Chinese Photographer

Dr Chien Mu, President of New Asia College, this morning opened an exhibition by the world-famous Chinese photographer, Mr Chin-San Long, at the United States Cultural Centre, Duddell Street.

Mr Virtuoso Chin-San Long, famed as the most outstanding Chinese artistic cameraman, has been devoted to the study of photography since his boyhood.

At first, he took up journalism for a profession. In 1928 the Shanghai Times enlarged its pictorial section and Mr Long built up a reputation as China's foremost news-cameraman.

His pictures have been frequently exhibited in salons abroad.

On display at the exhibition this morning were about 50 photographs. The exhibition is open to the public from 10 am to 7 pm until Friday.

Compromise In Supreme Court Action

A compromise settlement in the arbitration award dispute was announced when hearing resumed before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Supreme Court this morning.

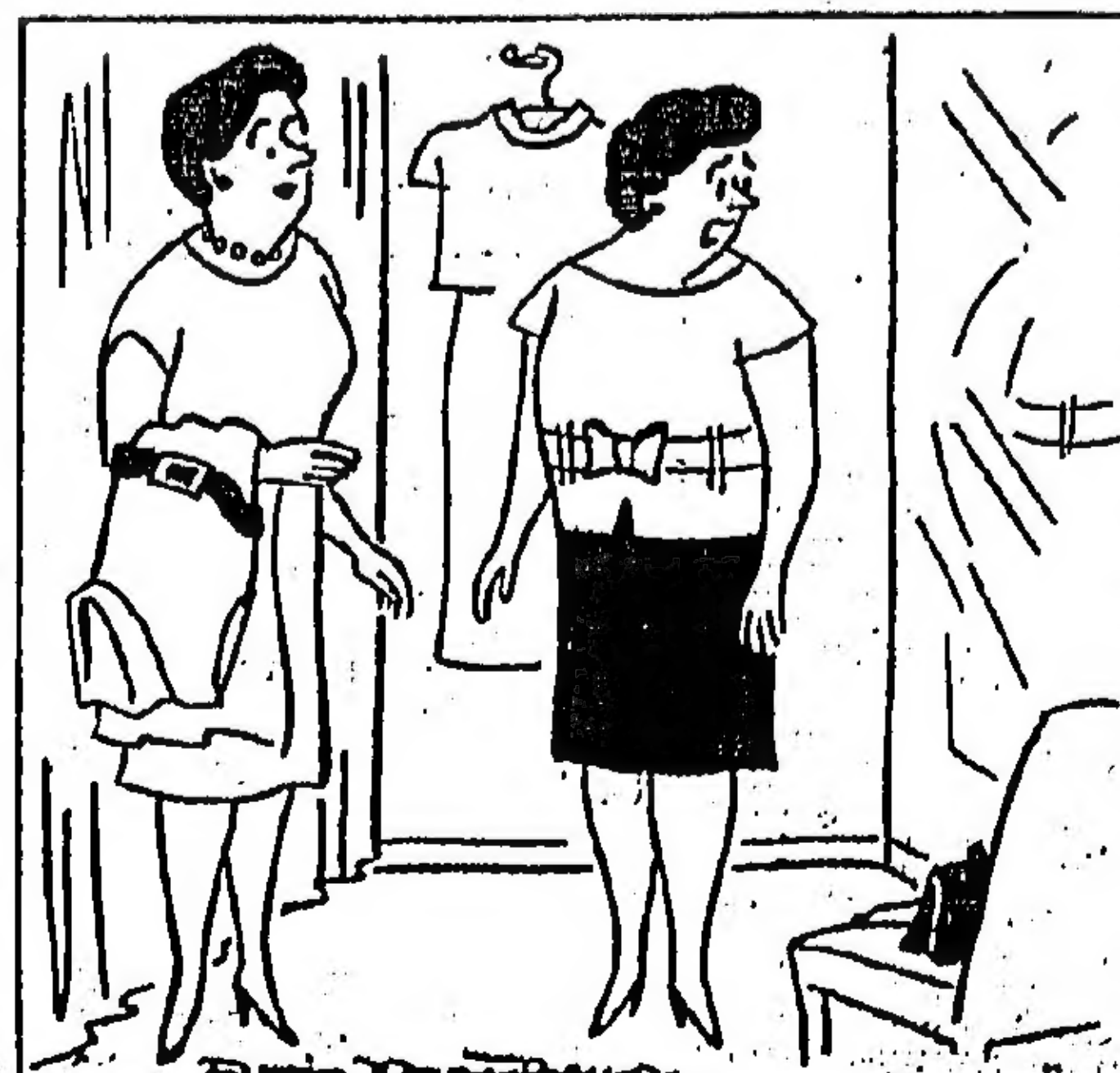
Mr Brook Bernacchi (instructed by Mr P. L. Lam) for the applicant said the proceedings had been settled.

Two motions arising from an arbitration award in favour of Fehaco Ltd against Mr Ho Kar-lau, its former compradore were before the Court.

In the first motion Mr Ho sought to set aside the award of \$49,956 made by the Arbitrator, Mr R. V. Lederhofer on March 22, 1958.

In the second motion Fehaco Ltd. asked for an order to enforce the award.

This Funny World



From the Files
25
years
AGO

PUN Tai has reported to the police that while driving a car from West Point to the Great China Hotel in the early hours of Saturday, the vehicle skidded when passing the Tang Shan Hotel, along the Praya and fell into the harbour.

The driver and the passengers, three in number escaped with nothing more serious than an unpleasant ducking. A Chinese constable is reported to have jumped in the water and assisted in the rescue work. The car was salvaged later in the day.

Mr Harris Levin, a Jewish minister who left \$5,170 directed that his daughter, Miss Rebecca Levin, of Manchester should lose \$500 which he bequeathed to her if she did not marry a Jew before she reached forty years of age.

A CHARGE of cutting Phrynum leaves at Bowen Road was brought against a coolie, Li Fong, before Mr Bailour in the Central Police Court yesterday. Defendant admitted breaking the foliage, but stated he did not use a knife.

Inspector Brennan: The damage is \$1.50. The leaves are sold at five cents a bundle.

Mr J. R. Carr, of the Forestry Department, said yesterday was the Winter Solstice and Defendant had gathered the leaves for wrapping up rice for the festival. A fine of \$25 or three weeks was imposed.

Sir — This morning's papers carry the report of a coolie arrested for cutting Phrynum leaves in Bowen Road, the value of which is given as \$1.50. A fine of \$25 or three weeks was imposed. Further comment would be superfluous but it is sincerely to be hoped that all concerned with this smart and humane bit of work enjoy their Christmas dinners.—X

THE "Codex Sinaiticus" one of the oldest if not the oldest Bible manuscripts in the world, which has been bought at a cost of £100,000 for the British Museum from the Soviet Government, is being brought from Russia by special courier and is expected to reach London on Christmas Eve.

The new Testament contains two books additional to those of the present authorized version namely the Epistle of Barnabas and the Shepherd of Hermas.

Fresh trouble has broken out in the Nazi Christmas Church resulting in Bishop Hossensfelder and his extreme colleagues resigning from the ecclesiastical ministry of Reichsbishop Mueller. Bishop Hossensfelder is an ardent Nazi Christian and has long been at loggerheads with the leaders of the moderate groups, Bodelschwinghe and Niemoller.

WHEN Sir John Ellerman died in July it was estimated in City circles that his fortune would prove to be in the neighbourhood of £20 million. It is now learned that the total Ellerman estate will be found to exceed £40 million. This will necessitate the payment of more than £20 million to the State.

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